

Hanscom Air Force Base 60 Minute Housing Market Area

An appendix analyzing housing conditions within a 60 minute commute will be included as part of the Hanscom AFB Housing Market Analysis. The housing market area is defined by the Department of Defense (DOD) as a “one-hour commute time from the installation’s headquarters building during peak traffic in a privately owned vehicle assuming normal weather conditions” (Guidance Manual, 1993). The Hanscom AFB 60 Minute Housing Market Area (60HHMA) was determined using this definition.

Interviews with traffic experts and actual test drives were conducted and used to determine that the 60HHMA boundaries include Suffolk County and portions of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts and portions of Hillsborough and Rockingham counties in New Hampshire (see figure below). The northern boundary extends past the City of Nashua, New Hampshire along State Route 3. The western boundary crosses into Worcester County and includes the City of Leominster along State Route 2 and a portion of the City of Worcester along State Route 9 or Interstate 290. The southern boundary generally follows the Norfolk County line from Worcester County to the Atlantic Ocean. The eastern boundary is the Atlantic Coastline from the City of Quincy to the Town of Manchester. There is no single population or housing center for military personnel in the 60HHMA, but rather a multitude of cities and towns that contain a variety of different type and quality housing.

F.Y.I. – This is only a preliminary map submitted for HQ AFMC and Hanscom AFB approval. Comments and suggestions are welcome and should be submitted no later than 29 December.

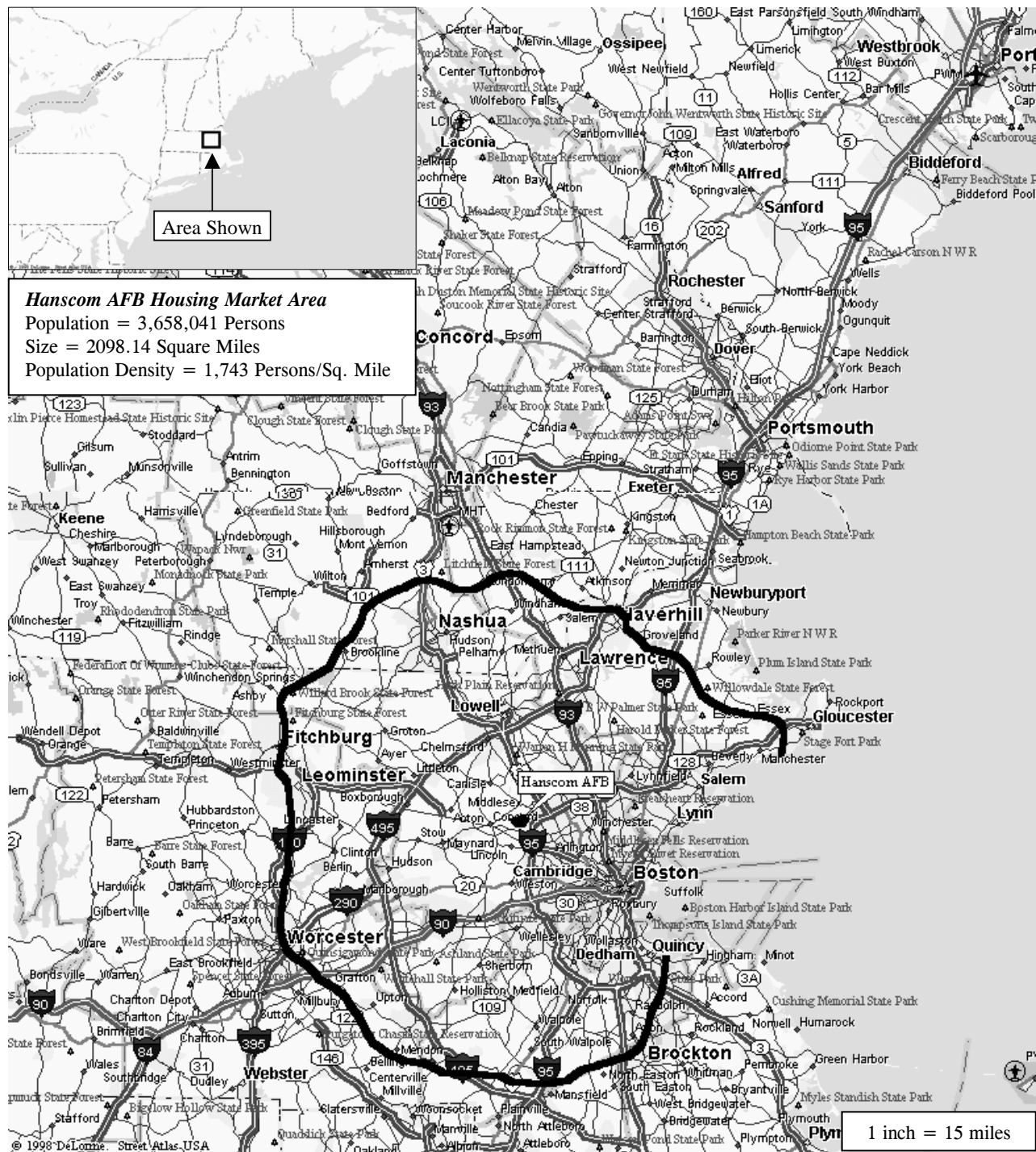


Figure G.1 60 Minute Housing Market Area Boundaries, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts

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